

With regard to proceeding 13-86:

The mere fact that the FCC would even consider allowing brief nudity and isolated use of expletives during prime time tv is appalling.

In the proposal, the stipulation is made the nudity will be “non-sexual.” While nudity can occur in situations other than sex scenes, the sexual nature of nudity is an immutable characteristic. Nudity involves the exposure of *sexual* body characteristics; it is *always* sexual by definition! Even if “non-sexual nudity” were possible, it would inevitably incline some viewers being to the view what would be called “sexual nudity.” Such “sexual nudity” would either be or would likely lead to pornography. As it stands, exposing children to pornography is illegal. As I see it, nudity on tv is pornography; we can’t expose children to that *legally*! However, for those who do not share my belief, the question here is simple: Do we want to provide our children with this gateway to pornography? No! Sadly, we Americans are slow to realize this. However, countries like Britain and Iceland have recently been made aware of the effects of pornography, especially on children. According to a UK-based child welfare charity, in the three years from 2009-2012, more than 4,500 British minors were charged as sexual offenders. Studies have shown the roots of this to be in the consumption of pornography by these children. Iceland, having come to similar realizations, is considering a nationwide ban of pornography to remedy this situation. Those of us in the United States should learn from these countries and avoid a serious mistake. If we allow nudity on prime time tv -- when many children are watching -- no matter how brief it is, no matter how far removed it is from sexual interaction between characters, we will inevitably see an increase the consumption of pornography among the children who view it. Do we want 4,500 of our children in America to become sex offenders? I hope no American wants this! And I cannot imagine that any American who does retains any faculty of logical reasoning.

Allowing expletives during prime time is perhaps a more simple matter. First of all, we know that children learn from watching adults, even adults on tv. Not only do we know this from experience, but various psychological studies on child development have confirmed this. (Most notable of these is Albert Bandura’s famous study, conducted in the early 60s, in which children watched an adult act out aggressively against a bobo doll and, when left alone with the bobo doll, acted out similarly to the adults they observed.) Knowing that, ask yourself this: How will you feel when your six year old son tells his mother to “f\*\*\* off” when she tells him to do his chores? Or, how will you feel when your eight year old daughter tells her grandma that her stories of her childhood are nothing but “bulls\*\*\*” at your family reunion? These aren’t habits anyone wants their children to pick up. Therefore, making a decision that would both teach *and* reinforce these habits in children hardly seems wise, rational, or in any way intelligent.

Simply put, I could not oppose the decision to allow brief nudity and isolated expletives during prime time tv any more than I do. The whole of such a decision is a terrible and irrational idea that cannot benefit American society in any way whatsoever.